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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF WENTWORTH

Wentworth Closes Another Successful Session With Brilliant Exercises. Unusual Interest Has Marked The Year's Work.

The gala commencement at Wentworth was celebrated from Friday, May 26th to Tuesday, May 30th inclusive, with the usual order of exercises. Included were various drills, reviews and parades, company and individual contests, all vastly interesting to the spectators.

Two innovations of the week were introduced. The first was the Senior play, staged at the Grand Opera House on Friday evening by the Seniors with histrionic aspirations, assisted by young ladies of Lexington; the second was a swimming meet and contest Saturday morning. The latter was held in the town swimming pool in Goose Pond Park. It consisted of the usual tests of strength and endurance of a swimmer and fancy diving, and added another point in the physical excellence of W. M. A. cadets. The honors of the occasion went to E. McIntosh.

In the evening the band concert and declamation contest were the features. There were four participants in the contest; all were good, but Guy Burns was awarded the medal.

Rev. Robert E. Goodrich proved an excellent speaker for the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning. He made a direct appeal for right living according to the truth incarnated in the God-man Jesus, and with dignity and impressive manner preached a sermon to young people. This service was held jointly with Central College for Women. The musical part of the service, under the direction of Mr. D. F. Conrad, organist, and was sung by seniors and teachers from Central's vocal department.

Monday was completely filled with military events. The competitive drills took place in the morning; in the company drills, the fortunate company was captained by Wallace Ashurst, son of R. E. Ashurst, of this city. Captain Ashurst was awarded the sword for the best drilled company. The individual com-

petitive drill medal was won by Norman Matheson.

At eight o'clock Monday evening occurred the grand social affair of the week—the reception and final ball. An effort is made to make this the most pleasant event of its kind of the year. That those responsible for the evening's success were well qualified, was attested by the large attendance and brilliant spectacle in the new gymnasium. The music was furnished by Capt. Day's orchestra. In the receiving line were Mrs. Sandford Sellers, Sr., Mrs. W. M. Hoge, Mrs. W. H. MacKellar, Mrs. R. P. Palmer, Mrs. Sandford Sellers, Jr., Mrs. R. K. Latham, Mrs. F. A. Day, Mrs. C. B. Waddell, Mrs. G. W. Fredendall, Mrs. G. H. Bates, Mrs. Richard Field, Mrs. J. O. Lesueur, Mrs. J. G. Crenshaw and Mrs. W. B. Waddell.

The graduating exercises were held in the new gymnasium also, and were most impressive. There were twenty on the class roll, and the address was delivered by Judge Charles Mayer of St. Joseph, Mo., a graduate in the class of 1894. The address was progressive and aggressive in style; intelligence and consistency of expression were features of Judge Mayer's delivery, and he had the very close attention and interest of a large audience.

The awarding of medals was by Major W. H. MacKellar, and he made the occasion one of peculiar and gracious propriety. The diplomas were presented by Col. W. M. Hoge, whose dignity on such occasions gave to the ceremony much impressiveness. The battalion was then marched to the parade in front of barracks and together with the large concourse of people the ceremony of lowering the flag by the senior class was witnessed. The band played the Star Spangled Banner and the 1915-16 session was history.

The honors of the year were won by the following: Honor graduate, Kenneth G. Hoge; Un-

HIGH SCHOOL COMENCEMENT

Held at Christian Church Tuesday Night With Appropriate Exercises.

The 1915-16 session of the Lexington Public Schools was brought to a close Tuesday night with the graduating exercises in the Christian church. The church was crowded to capacity and many were turned away. Walter Williams, Dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, was the speaker of the occasion, and, no doubt, to his presence may be attributed the attendance of so large a crowd. Dean Williams always says something that "sticks," and whenever he comes to Lexington he may be sure of a hearty welcome.

B. M. Little, Superintendent of Schools, presented the diplomas to the graduates, and A. W. Clemens, Principal of the High School, awarded the honors.

The program was concluded by the singing of America.

Class of 1916.

Mildred Barron, Olivia Bartels, Catherine Clark, Carrie Glasscock, James Gwimer, Roland Hall, Dora Horn, R. Elizabeth King, Florentine Leweke, Leona Long, William Loomis, Louise MacDonald, Mary Elizabeth McNeel, Eva Mesersmith, Mabel Oehlschlaeger, Gertrude Owen, Louise Reynolds, Florence Schenck, Carrie Smith, Esther Stalling, Annie Mary Starke, Thomas Walker, Jr., Virgie Welch, Ruby Wright.

In the graduating class, Florentine Leweke was the honor graduate. She has the choice of scholarships offered by a score of institutions in the state. Roland Hall was second, and James Gwimer third. These three were closely grouped in standing.

Dora Horn was awarded the Warrensburg Normal scholarship.

In the Central school, eighth grade, Margaret Heathman, Elizabeth Hammer and Thelma Kissel were given special mention in scholarship. In the Arnold school this distinction went to Fred Estabrook, John Robert Allen, and Paul Larkin.

Barn Struck by Lightning and Burned.

Sunday night about 11:30 the barn of H. Keller, 2101 South street, was struck by lightning and burned with all of its contents, including Mr. Keller's five passenger automobile. A chicken house was also burned. The loss is covered by insurance.

Jim West Waived Preliminary.

Wednesday in Justice Wright's Court, James West who shot Hillman Rutherford two weeks ago at McGrew's camp, waived preliminary examination, and was bound over to the August term of Criminal Court. Rutherford has almost recovered, and West is out on \$200 bond.

dergraduate scholarship medal, E. B. Robinson; Individual drill medal, Norman Matheson; Bur-nap trophy (gold watch) for best rifle shot, Frank Knight, Jr.; Sword for Captain of best drilled company, Wallace Ashurst; All-around athletic medal, Jack Fulbright; Debate medals, J. H. Allen and J. P. Steffa; Declamatory medal presented by Judge Richard Field, Guy Burns; Swimming cup, E. McIntosh; Tennis cup, Jack Fulbright.

F. A. HOEFER TO LEAVE LEXINGTON

Has Disposed of Interest in Commercial Bank. Will Go To California.

Frank A. Hoefer, who for the past eight years has held a controlling interest in the Commercial Bank and directed its business, has sold his interest to the other directors and will leave in about a month with his family for Santa Barbara, California, where he will engage in banking.

Mr. Hoefer leaves Lexington only because of the splendid opportunity presented in Santa Barbara in his chosen field of endeavor and the further inducement of a climate that has no superior on earth. The Commercial bank under Mr. Hoefer's management has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. His training in banking combined with fine business acumen, conservative judgment and a strong personality, have gained for him state-wide recognition in banking circles, and made his success with the Commercial bank very pronounced.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoefer will be missed from the community. They have made many friends here who will regret their leaving, but whose well wishes for health and continued success will follow them to their new home.

With Mr. Hoefer's retirement E. M. Taubman re-assumes active management of the bank. The Commercial has long been one of Lexington's most thoroughly substantial institutions, and with Mr. Taubman again at the helm the same careful consideration of its patron's is assured.

Death of Mrs. James C. Kelly.

Mrs. James C. Kelly died Friday at 2 o'clock at her home 1616 South street. She had been in a critical condition since Sunday, and her death was due to old age and general debility.

Mrs. Kelly's maiden name was Marie Louise Duncan, and was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, December 16, 1834. She was married to Mr. Kelly in Cooper County, April 3, 1851, and shortly after their marriage they moved to Lexington where they have since resided. Mrs. Kelly was a faithful and life long member of the Christian Church.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Kelly is survived by five sons and three daughters who are as follows: Lon, Len and M. T. of Lexington, Hiram, of Bates City; Aubrey, of Oak Grove; Mrs. Joseph B. Shelby, Bates City; Mrs. L. B. Shelby and Mrs. W. V. Curtis, of Lexington. She is also survived by thirty-eight grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. W. Wallace of the Christian Church.

Joe Wiley went to Kansas City Tuesday morning on business.

Miss Lessie Dillingham went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

S. N. Wilson went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day on business.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Burkhart, Franklin, Ind., announce the birth of a daughter, May 25, 1916.

Mrs. J. R. Potts, and son, Raymond Payne, went to Malta Bend Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pott's sister, Mrs. J. L. Houston.

FORTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The Exercises Commenced On Friday, May 26th, And Were Concluded On Tuesday, May 30th. Many Visitors in Attendance.

The closing of the present school year marks the forty-seventh Commencement of Central College. It has been an historic one in the history of the school. Educational ideas and conditions change with time; and the Board of Trustees with President Z. M. Williams, to secure the best interests of the College, have adapted themselves to the present conditions by placing Central in the Junior College class. By this they simply adjust the status of the College in such a manner as to come under the present ruling that all important institutions should have an accredited standing as correlated one with the other.

A comprehensive examination of the College in every phase of its work was recently made by a committee from the State University. These gentlemen made a most favorable report of their investigations, and, with suggestions as to minor additions to the library and to the physical laboratories, approved the entrance to Central to the present educational scheme of the State of Missouri. The work of securing a \$200,000 endowment is still an important factor in the school's present policy and will be continued until the amount is secured.

During Commencement Week the usual customs and traditions were observed with some new features. The Commencement exercises proper were begun with a music recital by Junior pupils on Friday evening, May 26th. Following were events as had been announced for some week's previous in The Intelligencer. Every exhibition of work in special departments was in accord with Central's stand-

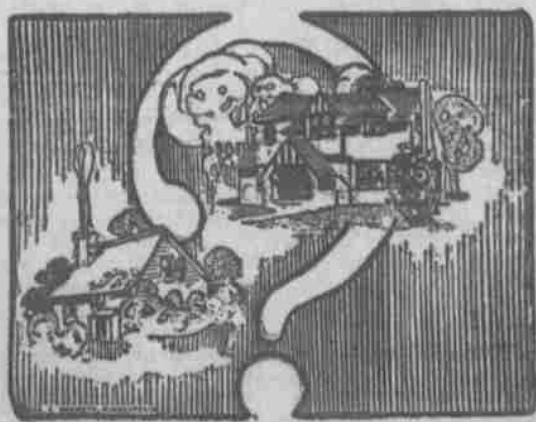
ard of excellent preparation. The Art display was well attended on Saturday. The Expression recital that evening was the feature of the week for those interested in Miss Kull's ability. The Baccalaureate sermon was addressed to Central College and Wentworth Military Academy. It was given by Rev. Robert Goodrich of Francis St. church, St. Joseph, Mo., and was a most dignified and educational effort. The music for this service was given by a College choir under Mr. D. F. Conrad's direction.

Monday's events were a meeting of the Girls' Club of Central College and was attended by town members and out of town visitors. In the evening the annual concert by Senior music pupils was given with its usual success, before a large and appreciative audience.

The Commencement graduating exercises were Tuesday morning. Diplomas were awarded eighteen young ladies, and certificates of proficiency in the Teacher's courses were given to seven. Rev. Isaac D. Borders addressed the class. Rev. F. M. Burton awarded the medals. Miss Amelia Baskett of this city won the scholarship medal; the housekeepers medal went jointly to Misses Georgia Browning and Mary Jones Nixon.

Dr. Williams' announcement of next year's faculty included very few changes. He briefly stated the change in plans for the College as given at the beginning of this article and the exercises were closed. The annual dinner given in honor of the graduating class followed; at the close of which the retirement from the dining hall of this years

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